

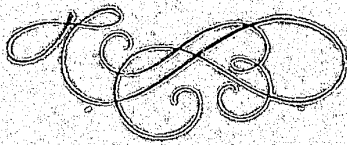
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## INTRODUCTION

*"Under my direction, California funds innovative programs and is creating alliances with both the public and private sector to improve our criminal justice system."*

—GOVERNOR PETE WILSON

### LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

Crime and violence —California's number one concern—touches all of us. Innocent victims suffer lifelong physical and emotional wounds.

Throughout the state, law enforcement, the courts, probation offices, victim services/education, and community-based organizations are joining forces and focusing on prevention of crimes of all kinds - drug abuse, gang violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Their combined efforts will help build safer communities for ourselves and our families.

Under the leadership of Governor Pete Wilson, the Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) has encouraged and supported the significant progress made toward these goals. With the help of the California Legislature, the Governor has directed OCJP to provide financial and technical assistance to agencies throughout the state to protect the public's safety and to support services for crime victims through a more effective criminal justice system.

The Office of Criminal Justice Planning is

the lead agency to address crime prevention, crime suppression, and criminal justice planning in the State of California.

The Office of Criminal Justice Planning is committed to leading the fight against crime and making California a safer place to live. To fulfill its responsibilities, OCJP:

- ▲ develops state-of-the art approaches for justice systems, crime prevention and victim services programs;
- ▲ provides technical assistance to ensure effective program management;
- ▲ disseminates information on successful program models;
- ▲ conducts conferences, and seminars on programs and issues of mutual interest among criminal justice agencies and other public and private organizations;
- ▲ conducts research, crime analyses and program evaluations; and
- ▲ develops publications on crime prevention, victimology and victim services for statewide distribution.



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## ANTI-DRUG ABUSE BRANCH

Drug abuse affects all ages, income levels, ethnic cultures, and costs Californians billions of dollars each year in health and medical expenses, lost work time, motor vehicle accidents, and violent crime. In an effort to respond to the needs of the criminal justice system, OCJP developed the Anti-Drug Abuse Enforcement Program,

The Anti-Drug Abuse Branch administers an annual Formula Block Grant awarded by the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance. Referred to as the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program, the fund is enacted by Congress and amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968. The block grant assists State and local criminal justice agencies in their efforts to investigate, apprehend, prosecute, adjudicate, intensively supervise, and treat drug and drug-related offenders.

State and local agencies receive funding to focus on one or more primary offender targets: major drug offenders; mid-level drug offenders; street-level offenders, and/or gang-related drug offenders. The major thrust of the program is to develop a comprehensive, multi-component enforcement plan which addresses specific drug problems in the area. Funding is available to each county for law enforcement, prosecution, probation, courts and crime laboratories to implement coordinated program strategies which impact selected target groups. Counties are required to work cooperatively to determine areas of greatest need according to local problems.

### Program Strategies include:

- ▲ special enforcement operations which may involve narcotic details, task forces, street sweeps, buy/busts etc.;
- ▲ property crime stings;
- ▲ criminal justice information systems;
- ▲ reverse stings;
- ▲ custodial drug treatment;
- ▲ pretrial/preadjudication intensive supervised release;
- ▲ home detention program;
- ▲ civil abatement;
- ▲ asset forfeiture investigations/prosecutions;
- ▲ special assignments for prosecution, which involve task force participation, vertical prosecution, cross-designated prosecutions, etc.;
- ▲ early disposition team;



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- ▲ crime lab analysis;
- ▲ narcotics task forces;
- ▲ intensive supervision;
- ▲ probation drug specialist;
- ▲ court delay reduction; and
- ▲ special drug courts.

The Anti-Drug Abuse Branch, in coordination with the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency also supports marijuana suppression and eradication efforts which impact the supply of the potent sinsemilla around the world; juvenile offender substance abuse treatment pilot programs, and community revitalization projects that include community revitalization projects that include community policing, neighborhood redevelopment, drug suppression in schools, treatment, and other prevention and intervention programs that link communities with criminal justice.

### MAJOR NARCOTIC VENDORS PROSECUTION

Many serious crimes are associated with cultivating, processing, manufacturing, and selling illegal drugs. This program targets defendants accused of serious narcotics violations. District attorneys' offices are funded to focus enhanced prosecution efforts and resources on major drug cases by creating special prosecution units and increasing the use of vertical prosecution. The ADA Branch administers the state general fund supported program.

### STATE DRUG ENFORCEMENT

The ADA Branch also administers federal Byrne funds to improve criminal history records; provide additional personnel and operating expenses for statewide drug enforcement; and support treatment programs for youth and adult corrections.



## GANG VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION BRANCH

One of California's most serious problems is gang violence. Statistics show mounting fatalities and widespread fear in neighborhoods dominated by gangs and drug use.

To help combat these problems, the Gang Violence Suppression Branch funds programs that work to reduce the level of gang violence and drug abuse in the community and divert potentially dangerous gang/drug activities into more positive and constructive behavior.

The Gang Violence Suppression Branch also administers a State clearinghouse of information on anti-gang efforts which coordinates local anti-gang efforts, throughout the State and at the State level.

### **GANG VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION PROGRAM**

This program strives to keep communications open between law enforcement agencies, prosecutors' offices, community-based organizations, probation departments, schools, the community, and family members of gang or potential gang members.

Grants are provided to:

- ▲ district attorneys' offices, probation departments and local law enforcement agencies to identify, prosecute and remove violent gang members from the community; and
- ▲ community-based organizations, and schools to deter young people from gang violence, and other criminal activities through prevention, and educational programs.

### **SUPPRESSION OF DRUG ABUSE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

Ending drug use among youths means stopping the flow of drugs in and around schools. To combat this growing problem, the Suppression of Drug Abuse in Schools Program provides financial, and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies, and school districts. Funded projects:

- ▲ increase drug traffic intervention activities and strategies;
- ▲ increase teachers' and students' awareness of drugs and their effects through the use of tested drug abuse curricula;
- ▲ prevent drug abuse by providing family-oriented programs;



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- ▲ train school and law enforcement staff to handle drug-related problems; and
- ▲ develop a coordinated intervention system that identifies students with high risk or chronic drug abuse problems.

### **DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM**

One successful model of drug prevention curriculum delivery involves the participation of the law enforcement officer as the primary instructor in the classroom. This program provides funding to local

educational agencies in coordination with their law enforcement agency, to implement DARE-like activities for students in grades Kindergarten through six (6).

Funded projects are required to:

- ▲ provide drug abuse resistance education, taught by a uniformed law enforcement officer, designed to recognize and resist pressures to experiment with drugs and alcohol;
- ▲ encourage parent involvement in the drug education curriculum; and
- ▲ facilitate positive student leadership to influence younger students not to use drugs.



**T**hrough the cooperative efforts of the community and law enforcement, crime and violence can be minimized or prevented. To assist local communities in their efforts to build crime free neighborhoods and communities, the Juvenile Delinquency and Crime Prevention Branch funds programs that increase awareness about crime and crime prevention while concentrating on identification, apprehension, and prosecution of the serious repeat felony offender.

Other projects in the branch involve youths who are already in the juvenile justice system or are at high risk of entering the system. These projects deal with prevention, delinquency, and diversion issues.

### **JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION**

Youths are responsible for an inordinate number of crimes in our communities. The problem is growing with the rising dropout rate in schools and increasing population of young substance abusers.

To reduce juvenile crime in California, OCJP funds community programs that emphasize education, training, diversion, research, treatment, rehabilitation, and delinquency prevention.

Such programs would:

- ▲ treat and rehabilitate serious, and violent juvenile offenders;
- ▲ offer status offenders (truants, runaways, incorrigible children, and adolescents) diversion and intervention services to prevent further delinquency;

- ▲ provide delinquency prevention and after-care services; and
- ▲ remove juveniles from adult jails and lockups.

### **CAREER CRIMINAL APPREHENSION**

To reduce crime by improving local law enforcement's ability to identify, apprehend, and prosecute multiple and repeat felony offenders, the Career Criminal Apprehension Program provides funds to:

- ▲ develop crime analysis capabilities;
- ▲ improve patrol operations such as call prioritization, procedures for taking reports, patrol tactics, and strategies based on crime analysis information; and
- ▲ refine investigative procedures.



## COMMUNITY CRIME RESISTANCE

This program has two focuses. Both encourage local units of government to work with other governmental and community agencies in implementing and maintaining crime prevention programs. One focus is to create or expand traditional crime prevention programs, such as: Neighborhood Watch; elder or child safety; or rural crime prevention, to be located in ethnically and/or culturally diverse communities. The other focus is to create community policing programs to target drug-infested neighborhoods. Funded projects would be required to recruit and train volunteers in local crime prevention activities, and to include alcohol and other drug prevention activities in the projects.

## SERIOUS HABITUAL OFFENDER

Chronic juvenile offenders, commonly known as serious habitual offenders, commit a substantial and disproportionate number of serious crimes. This program assists law enforcement, district attorneys, probation departments, juvenile courts, and schools in identifying such offenders early in their careers and in working cooperatively on investigating, prosecuting, sentencing, and supervising these offenders while on probation.

Local agencies are awarded grants to:

- ▲ investigate and record the activities of the juvenile serious habitual offenders;

- ▲ use vertical prosecution techniques;
- ▲ sentence appropriately, according to any disposition available to the juvenile court; and
- ▲ provide intensive supervision in institutions and in the community.

## VERTICAL DEFENSE OF INDIGENTS

The program supports the initial implementation of vertical defense services in eligible public defenders' offices. The projects also expand, improve, augment and maintain existing vertical defense services to indigents in their respective counties.



## MONITORING AND PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS BRANCH

The Monitoring and Program Effectiveness Branch (M&PEB) was developed to insure that programs administered by the Office of Criminal Justice Planning are of the highest quality and meeting the current needs of the criminal justice system of California.

The M&PEB evaluates the implementation of programs, in accordance with program guidelines, through monitoring individual projects; assessing the effectiveness of programs; and providing recommendations for improvement of program mandates. The standardization of the monitoring process has assured that quality control is universal to all programs.

### ■ MONITORING

- ▲ compliance with grant award agreement; program guidelines and Grantee Handbook;
- ▲ assess objectives achievement;
- ▲ document findings

### ■ EFFECTIVENESS

- ▲ evaluate input from grantees;
- ▲ recommend program modifications;
- ▲ assist in legislative process;
- ▲ identify model programs.



## PROGRAM TRAINING AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT BRANCH

The Program Training and Technical Support Branch is responsible for liaison between OCJP, and other state and federal funding sources and between OCJP, and its statutorily mandated advisory committees, and also provides the following support services:

### ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS

- ▲ preparation of federal grant applications;
- ▲ completion of required annual progress reports and evaluations; and
- ▲ assisting the appropriate OCJP Program Branch in implementing the program according to federal guidelines.

### SUPPORT FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- ▲ planning and scheduling meetings;
- ▲ maintenance of minutes and records; and
- ▲ facilitating decision-making and policy development.

### TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- ▲ group and individual instruction regarding grant writing and resource development; and
- ▲ assistance and information regarding state and federal funding sources, community collaboration, effective program models and proposal development.



**S**exual assault and domestic violence are major concerns of all California citizens. Programs funded by the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Branch focus on provision of comprehensive services to victims of these two very serious and heinous crimes.

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Reports of family violence are rising in California. Nearly one-third of all female homicide victims are killed by their husbands or boyfriends, and almost 20% of all murders are family-related. To help end this vicious cycle, local centers are funded to provide services ranging from immediate shelter to long-term posttraumatic counseling and therapy, including:

- ▲ crisis intervention, shelter, and counseling;
- ▲ legal and social services;
- ▲ accompaniment, support and advocacy during medical evaluations;
- ▲ law enforcement advocacy;
- ▲ assistance in establishing abuse-free households; and
- ▲ statewide training, education and coordination of efforts to funded projects.

### **FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM**

This program offers funding to help prevent family violence and increase public awareness of family violence issues through the development and dissemination of materials for programs/models such as the following:

- ▲ effective recruitment and training of volunteers;
- ▲ provision of family violence prevention information through neighborhood crime prevention groups;
- ▲ inclusion of the clergy in family violence prevention efforts;
- ▲ programs to train peace officers and other criminal justice system personnel in family violence prevention and intervention; and
- ▲ training for domestic violence projects on innovative, state-of-the-art models.



### **RAPE CRISIS VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM**

One of every four women and one of every six men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. The decision about what to do after an assault can be very difficult. Local centers are funded to assist sexual assault victims in dealing with the emotional trauma inflicted by the assault and in their understanding of the criminal justice process. These projects provide the following services:

- ▲ crisis intervention services on a 24-hour basis;
- ▲ follow-up counseling by telephone or in-person;
- ▲ individual in-person counseling sessions;
- ▲ group counseling services;
- ▲ accompaniment and advocacy services during medical examinations, law enforcement processes and court procedures;
- ▲ information and referral services to victims and the general public;
- ▲ community and school education;
- ▲ sexual assault awareness/prevention programs and self-defense classes; and
- ▲ training for other professionals in the system who interact with sexual assault victims.



The Victim/Witness Branch funds programs which are designed to promote the effective representation of crime victims and the public at-large. To this end, the Branch funds various programs fashioned to enhance prosecution efforts, improve the treatment of victims by the criminal justice system, provide intervention services, and provide professional level training for attorneys, therapists and victim advocates.

### VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE

This program provides grants to public or private nonprofit organizations selected by the Board of Supervisors to be the comprehensive provider of service in each of California's 58 counties. Pursuant to Penal Code Section 13835 and program guidelines established by the Office of Criminal Justice Planning, these centers, upon request provide a wide range of services to victims and witnesses of all types of crime, including, but not limited to, the following:

- ▲ crisis intervention, counseling, resource referral and follow-up counseling;
- ▲ emergency assistance such as food and temporary lodging;
- ▲ information about the criminal justice system and their case;
- ▲ court support and accompaniment;
- ▲ assistance in filing for eligible victim compensation with the State Board of Control;
- ▲ assist victims in recovering property held as evidence by law enforcement; and

- ▲ assistance in notification of friends, relatives, and assistance with employer intervention to help minimize the trauma impact of the crime.

These projects also provide training and presentations about victim's needs, rights, the impact of crime, and their involvement with the criminal justice system to the following agencies/organizations:

- ▲ criminal justice agencies;
- ▲ victim service organizations; and
- ▲ community organizations, groups and schools.

### CHILD ABUSER VERTICAL PROSECUTION

Child abusers affect the mental health and physical well-being not only of their victims and families but of all Californians. The program funds special units within district attorneys' offices to vertically prosecute child abusers, increase sensitivity of prosecutors, and investigators handling child victims, as well as to integrate victim services, and prosecution efforts to minimized further trauma to the victim.



### LEGAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Legal Training Program funds the California District Attorneys' Association and the California Public Defenders' Association to provide a statewide program of training, education and research for prosecutors and defense attorneys.

### CHILD ABUSE TREATMENT

Early identification and treatment are essential to the physical and emotional health of abused children. It is also important to stop abusive patterns from passing from one generation to the next. The Child Abuse Treatment Program funds projects that offer treatment services to child victims of physical and sexual abuse. Services include:

- ▲ diagnostic and psychosocial assessments;
- ▲ individual, group, and family therapy;
- ▲ court accompaniment; and
- ▲ consultation on out-of-home placements.

### CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TREATMENT

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- ▲ individual, group, and family therapy;
- ▲ court accompaniment; and
- ▲ consultation on out-of-home placements



**HOMELESS YOUTH  
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

The program provides a network of emergency services to homeless youth in the City and County of San Francisco and the County of Los Angeles. Such services include:

- ▲ outreach services to locate homeless youth and link them to agencies that offer emergency services;
- ▲ food and access to overnight shelters;
- ▲ screening and referral for basic health care;
- ▲ crisis counseling to address immediate emotional problems;
- ▲ long-term stabilization planning so a youth can be returned home or be placed outside the home when family reunification is not possible; and
- ▲ follow-up services to ensure that the return to the family or placement outside the family is stable.

**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE  
PREVENTION TRAINING  
CENTERS**

Two statewide training centers – one in Northern California and the other in Southern California – were developed to meet the increased demand for skilled service providers in the child sexual abuse prevention field. The training centers provide training and technical assistance to teams of service providers.

Criminal justice, social service, medical, and mental health providers are recruited from every county, and trained to treat, and assist child sexual abuse victims and their families. They, in turn, train other professionals in their communities.

The centers provide training in:

- ▲ identifying and treating child sexual abuse victims;
- ▲ interviewing children and their families;
- ▲ reporting responsibilities; and
- ▲ identifying the needs of special populations such as preschoolers, the developmentally disabled, and minorities.



## YOUTH EMERGENCY TELEPHONE PROGRAM

A toll-free emergency referral service for runaways and homeless youths, the program is a nonthreatening means of linking runaways and homeless youths to available emergency resources in their area. These resources provide shelter, food, clothing, transportation, counseling, and other referrals necessary for their well-being. Through computer access to all available youth programs in California, telephone operators can connect the caller directly to a local resource.

The Youth Emergency Telephone, 1-800-843-5200, can also serve as a message center for parents, guardians, and youths to communicate with each other.

## CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Research shows that the sexual exploitation of children is increasing at an alarming rate with the average age of the victim becoming significantly younger. Although the forms of exploitation vary, the predominant method is juvenile prostitution.

For these children, the abuse may lead to alienation from mainstream society, involvement in prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation, drug and alcohol abuse, and suicide.

The Child Sexual Exploitation Intervention program provides resources to serve high-risk children. Resources include:

- ▲ 24-hour telephone crisis line;
- ▲ street outreach counseling;
- ▲ temporary safe shelter;
- ▲ training in independent living skills, AIDS awareness, and employment opportunities;
- ▲ access to medical and dental services; and
- ▲ training for juvenile and criminal justice system professionals on the special needs of child victims of prostitution.

## SPECIAL EMPHASIS VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program provides grants to projects which focus on the special needs of victims in underserved populations within ethnically, or culturally diverse groups *and* who are victims of a *specific* criminal act. Only projects currently funded by OCJP as Victim/Witness Assistance Centers pursuant to Penal Code Section 13835 are eligible to compete for these funds. Personnel funded in Special Emphasis Victims Assistance projects must work a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the time in the minority community they are targeted to serve providing direct



outreach services to victims. Pursuant to the requirements of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and program guidelines established by OCJP, these projects provide victims with the following services:

- ▲ crisis intervention, counseling, and resource referral assistance;
- ▲ emergency assistance such as food and temporary lodging;
- ▲ information about the criminal justice system;
- ▲ court support and accompaniment; and
- ▲ program outreach through brochures which describe the populations served and the services available.

### **SPECIAL VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

This program provides grants to private nonprofit organizations which focus on the special needs of victims in underserved populations who have been victims of a specific criminal act. Pursuant to the requirements of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and program guidelines established by OCJP, these projects provide victims with the following services:

- ▲ crisis intervention, counseling, and resource referral assistance;
- ▲ emergency assistance such as food and temporary lodging;

- ▲ information about the criminal justice system;
- ▲ court support and accompaniment; and
- ▲ program outreach through brochures which describe the population served and the services available.

### **VICTIM'S LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER**

Victims of crime are frequently unaware of their rights, how to exercise their rights, or where to get help. Through a toll-free statewide telephone line (1-800-VICTIMS), the program helps victims, family members of victims, and service providers by providing free access to information, and assistance with legal information, and referral resources, such as:

- ▲ information on legal rights;
- ▲ civil law counseling/legal assistance referrals;
- ▲ victims of crime compensations referrals;
- ▲ victim assistance referrals;
- ▲ legal review newsletter; and
- ▲ other public outreach/education services; e.g., brochures, handbooks, PSAs, posters, media press packets, etc.



## **CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT**

Children who report physical or sexual abuse can be re-victimized by a criminal justice system that is designed to seek convictions on behalf of the State. The Children's Justice Act was established to improve the child abuse justice system, to limit the potential for re-traumatization of child victims and to protect the rights of the accused. Currently, the program, based upon recommendations of the State Task Force, supports training and technical assistance for multidisciplinary interview teams, child advocacy projects, and the State Child Death Index.

## **CHILD DEATH REVIEW INDEX AND TRAINING PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Child Death Review Index and Training program (CDR) is to protect the lives of children and to prevent child abuse related fatalities. Child Death Review seeks to coordinate and integrate state and local efforts to address fatal child abuse and neglect, and to create a body of information to prevent child deaths.

CDR program activities include the following:

- ▲ the collection, analysis and interpretation of a statewide and local data base by the Department of Justice (DOJ);
- ▲ the development of a statewide directory of Child Death Review Teams by DOJ; and
- ▲ technical assistance to local agencies in planning and establishing Child Death Review teams, to be provided by DOJ.

## **MULTIDISCIPLINARY INTERVIEW TEAM TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Multidisciplinary Interview Team Training and Technical Assistance Program (MDIT) is to provide training and on-site technical assistance and consultation to existing and proposed Multidisciplinary Interview Teams in California. The primary goal is to develop, establish and operate a statewide program which improves the handling and investigation of child abuse and neglect cases, particularly cases of child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner which limits additional trauma to the child victim.

The MDIT approach includes the following:

- ▲ reducing the number of interviews and interviewers;
- ▲ providing quality interviewing of children and all relevant parties to the case; and
- ▲ protecting the rights of all involved.



### **DUI PROSECUTION TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROJECT**

The purpose of the DUI Prosecution Training and Education Project is to improve the effectiveness of DUI Prosecution in California and to improve the quality of DUI prosecution training and educational activities. Program evaluators measure the overall effectiveness of the project and the outcomes are incorporated to improve training and education.

The project consists of the following:

- ▲ Ten DUI trial advocacy programs and related faculty workshops;
- ▲ A DUI technical resource manual; and
- ▲ A quarterly DUI prosecution newsletter which is sent to all qualified prosecutors.

### **CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL ADVOCACY FOR CHILD VICTIMS**

Child victims of crime who are involved in multiple jurisdictional services often experience a loss of advocacy from one jurisdiction to another. The purpose of the Cross-Jurisdictional Advocacy For Child Victims Program (CJC) is to improve services to child victims of crime by providing multi-disciplinary advocacy through two or more jurisdictional areas.

These jurisdictional areas may be judicial or administrative in nature and many include activities such as dependency, family law, criminal law and probate proceedings; counseling, immigration, educational and social services; and other such areas of services.

CJC activities include the following:

- ▲ Protecting the legal rights of child victims;
- ▲ Ensuring that child victims in multiple jurisdictions receive necessary emotional support; and
- ▲ Advocacy for coordinated services for children who are direct victims of crime as well as children impacted by criminal conduct.

### **CAREER CRIMINAL PROSECUTION**

Vertical Prosecution methods and techniques are utilized to seek the conviction and appropriate sentencing of career offenders. Experienced, "Highly Qualified" prosecutors and investigators with reduced caseloads, are utilized in this program.



**O**CJP works with other state, federal and local organizations to build safer, crime-free communities. Such cooperative efforts lead to better understanding among representatives of the criminal justice system, and to more effective approaches to preventing and reducing crime.

### **CALIFORNIA COUNCIL ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Under its statutory responsibility the Council advises the Governor and the California Legislature on criminal justice issues, and policies, and oversees the allocation of federal funds. The Council is composed of 37 members. In addition to the attorney general and administrative director of courts who are statutory members, 19 are appointed by the Governor, eight by the Senate Rules Committee, and eight by the Speaker of the Assembly. The Office of Criminal Justice Planning provides staff support for the Council.

### **CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT TASK FORCE**

The State Task Force is appointed to review and evaluate the handling of cases of suspected child sexual and physical abuse, negligence, child sexual exploitation, and child abuse related fatalities. The Task Force makes recommendations to the State regarding the improvement of the administrative, judicial and investigative handling of these cases, while limiting further trauma to the child victim/witness and protecting the rights of the accused.

### **JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION STATE ADVISORY GROUP**

The Governor appoints a Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group to address juvenile justice delinquency issues through advocacy and the legislative process as well as awarding funds to local agencies. The primary purpose of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) grant awards is to encourage the development of new programs or to expand existing programs designed to provide direct services to youth.

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIM SERVICES STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The State Advisory Committee is appointed by OCJP and the California Commission on the Status of Women and is established to determine funding criteria for the awarding of grants for rape crisis centers and child sexual abuse and exploitation programs. The Committee awards grants and develops a course of training for sexual assault prosecutors.



## OCJP RESOURCES

### RESEARCH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

OCJP maintains research and resource information containing literature on crime prevention, crime suppression, victimology, and victim services. This information is available to criminal justice agencies, community organizations and individuals on request.

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